

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Currey-Stamps of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bonita "Bonnie" Currey-Stamps, an exemplary public servant who dedicated her life to medical and mental health initiatives, working assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born Bonita Lee Peterson on September 29, 1946, Mrs. Currey-Stamps was the daughter of LeRoy and Edna Peterson; and

WHEREAS, while living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she met and married Tom Currey in 1967 and relocated to his hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they raised four children; she married John Stamps in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Currey-Stamps began her career volunteering with local organizations; she served as president for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Auxiliary and the Mental Health Association of Greater Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mrs. Currey-Stamps became one of the founding members of the AIM Center in Chattanooga, where she served as president and executive director for twenty-five years before retiring in 2013; under her leadership, the organization grew exponentially and attained international recognition in the mental health community; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the AIM Center, Bonnie Currey-Stamps served on various mental health committees, commissions, and boards and received numerous awards and recognitions at both the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, a devout woman of Christian faith, Mrs. Currey-Stamps was a member of Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church, where she served on the vestry and spearheaded the "Growth and Preservation" capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Currey-Stamps enjoyed spending time with friends and family, serving her church, and traveling the world, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Mrs. Currey-Stamps leaves to mourn her memory her children, Jeff (Tracey) Currey, Byron Currey, Todd Currey, and Ashley Currey; her grandchildren, Ella Grace and Anna Kathryn; her step-children, Kim (Tom) Roberts, David (Kat) Stamps, and Hunter (Amelia) Stamps; and her step-grandchildren, Sage, Eliza, River, Brooklyn, and Madison; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; two half-brothers, Chuck and Bill; and her sister, Ruth Ann Everett; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Currey-Stamps leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Currey-Stamps, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Currey-Stamps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.